

applicants elect: (1) a "liquid crystal polyester" as the thermoplastic as described at the last line of page 11 of the specification; and (2) an acrylate-ethylene copolymer rubber as the rubber as disclosed at page 12, line 14 of the specification. This election of species is made with traverse. It is requested that the Election Requirement be withdrawn and that all of the subject matter of elected claims 1-5 be examined with respect to the present application. It is submitted that there is no undue burden placed on the Examiner to consider all of the subject matter within the scope of claims 1-5.

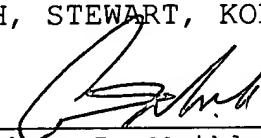
If any questions remain regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle, in the Washington metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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